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AUSTERITY BUDGET; REJECTS SOVIET PROVOCATIONS, ANNOUNCES CLEAR-UP
CAMPAIGN. COUNCIL CONSIDERS MPLA BLOCKAGE OF ZAIRIAN SUPPLIES AT
LOBITO.

1. IN REGULAR SESSION OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (OCT 31),
PRESIDENT MOBUTU STATED THAT BUDGET FOR 1976 MUST BE AN AUSTERE
"WAR BUDGET", BALANCED TO MEET RECEIPTS.

2. PRESIDENT REITERATED GOZ OBJECTION TO SOVIET THREAT CONCERNING
ALLEGED ZAIRIAN ACTIVITY IN ANGOLA. HE POINTED OUT THAT ZAIRE HAD
LONG GIVEN SUPPORT FOR LIBERATION OF ANGOLA, HAD ACCEPTED MORE THAN
ONE MILLION ANGOLAN REFUGEES, AND HAD SHARED FOOD, HOSPITALS,
SCHOOLS, AND UNIVERSITY WITH ANGOLAN BROTHERS. RUSSIA ON OTHER
HAND HAS RECENTLY PROVIDED ARMORED CARS, TANKS, AND MISSILES TO
MPLA, ENCOURAGING ANGOLAN BROTHERS TO MASSACRE ONE ANOTHER.

3. PRESIDENT ALSO ANNOUNCED SPECIAL SALONGOS DURING WHICH PARTY
MILITANTS ARE TO CLEAN UP TOWNS FOR TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF MPR. THREE
TOWNS TO BE RECOGNIZED AS "MOST CLEAN".

4. COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT KASONGO MUTUALE INFORMED COUNCIL
THAT MPLA FORCES AT LOBITO ARE HOLDING 13,000 TONS OF PHARMACEUTICAL
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PRODUCTS, SCIENTIFIC MATERIAL AND OTHER MERCHANDISE, VALUED AT

420,000 ZAIRES, WHICH WERE TO BE DELIVERED TO SHABA REGION. COUNCIL
CALLED FOR QUICK ACTION BY PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT TO RELEASE SUPPLIES.
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